8. Intensified Jawahar Rozgar Yojana.
9. Employment assurance Scheme.
10. Integrated Rural Development Programme.
11. Development of Women and Child in Rural Areas.
12. Training of Rural Youth for self-employment.
13. National Social Assistance Programme.

(I) National Old Age Pension Scheme.
(II) National Family Benefit Scheme.
(III) National Meternity Benefit Scheme.

(c) There are three major poverty alleviation programmes being implemented throughout the country. These are Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) which provides self-employment and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) which provide supplementary wage-employment to the rural poor.

While the total expenditure (Central sector) in the Seventh Plan in the rural development sector was Rs. 10,650 crores, the Central Plan outlay for rural development has been stepped upto Rs. 30,000 crores in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Reduction of the price of the Refampicin

2709. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2576 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th August, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the reduction in the prices of anti-tuberculosis drugs were recommended much earlier wheresas the final decision in this regard was taken much later;

(b) if so, whether the delay in the reduction of formulations was made in connivance with the parties concerned and has resulted in windfall gains for Refampicin formulators; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to probe into the matter and to ensure that the authorities concerned do not take any wrong decision in connivance with the officials of drug companies?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). There has been no inordinate delay in reducing the price of bulk drug Rifampicin and formulations based thereon as the Rifampicin Policy for 1995-96 was under consideration during this period which had a bearing on the announcement of Rifampicin prices. The Rifampicin Policy was first announced in June, 1995 and correspondingly the price of bulk durg Rifampicin wass reduced from Rs. 5695 per kg to Rs. 5220 per kg. subsequently prices of the ceiling packs of Rifampicin formulations were reduced on 6.11.95 an those for non ceiling packs were reduced on 5.10.95 respectively.

Foreign Coaches in the Country

2710. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign coaches or trainers presently on contract with Government or Sports Authority of India;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to enhance the training capability for the forthcoming Olympics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) At present seven Coaches and one Training

Methods Expert has been employed on contract basis by Sports Authority. of India.

(b) The details are as below:.

(1) Mr. Sergei Saveliev, Judo coach from Belarus. (2) Mr. Rustom Akromov, Football coach from Uzbekistan. (3) Dr. Vladimir Drioukov, Fencing coach from Ukraine. (4) Mr. Victor Frolov, Gymnastics coach from Khazakistan. (5) Mrs. Liudomila Aldouchenkova, Gymnastics coach from Khazakistan. (6) Mr. Jo Nam Pung, Table Teenis coach from DPR Korea. (7) Mr. Ho Kwang I1, Wrestling coach from DPR Korea. (8) Dr. Alexander K. GTMT Expert from Ukraine.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Probables who have qualified for forthcoming Olympic Games are being trained in the Coaching Camps in progress. These probables are also being given competition exposure by sending them for various International competitions including Asian Championships and Commonwealth Championships.

गुजरात में विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग का पश्चिम जोन क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र खोला जाना

2711. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने गुजरात में विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग का पश्चिम जोन क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र स्थापित करने हेतु केन्द्रीय सरकार को कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में नवीनतम स्थिति क्या है; और

(ग) उक्त प्रस्ताव को अंतिम रूप कब तक दे दिया जाएगा?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा): (क) नवंबर, 1991 में गुजरात के मुख्य मंत्री ने भारत सरकार से अहमदाबाद अथवा गांधी नगर में विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग का एक क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय स्थापित करने का अनुरोध किया था।

(ख) और (ग) विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, आयोग ने पुणे में विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग का एक पश्चिमी क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय स्थापित करने का निर्णय लिया है। यह निर्णय विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा गठित एक अधिकार प्राप्त समिति की सिफारिश पर आधारित था। तद्नुसार, विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग का पश्चिमी क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय गुजरात में स्थापित करना संभव नहीं है।

Research Centres on Agriculture

2712. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1231 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 1995 and state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to increase the number of research centres on agriculture in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) The question does not arise.

कीटनाशकों के कारण हुई मौतें

2713. **श्री सोमपाल:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 12 अक्तूबर, 1995 के "दि इंडियन एक्सप्रेस" में प्रकाशित उस समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें दिल्ली के नजफगढ़ क्षेत्र में कीटनाशकों के कारण होने वाली मौतों के बारे में बताया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने देश भर में प्रतिवर्ष हो रही ऐसी मौतों के संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या निष्कर्ष हैं;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार ऐसा सर्वेक्षण